

The vast Bordelon clan of Avoyelles, Opelousas and Natchitoches had its origins in Louisiana from a colorful French colonial couple. Though Laurent Bordelon did not live long in Louisiana, he lived long enough to found a family whose descendants today include a sizable part of the population of this state. Anne Françoise Roland’s arrival, though probably involuntary, began a long and distinguished life in the colony.

Anne was a wildcat in her youth and was more than her father could handle. She was born in Paris, France around 1700, the daughter of Jeanne Catherine Bonnet and Ambroise Jean Baptiste Roland, a clerk for the Paris Market. Her father sent her to a convent in her teen years and then apprenticed her to a dressmaker. Instead of applying herself to her work, she would stay out late at night, hang around with the wrong types of people, disobey her step-mother, and frequent public dance halls. The elder Roland felt that Anne had dishonored his family so he took the extreme step of having her locked up in the Selpetriere, a prison. The Company of the Indies, which ran the Louisiana colony, had a hard time getting marriageable women to migrate to the frontier posts, so they hit upon the idea of acquiring girls from the prison system. Anne was caught up in this plan and boarded the sloop, “La Mutine”, at LeHavre, France in June of 1719 along with about 100 other women bound for Louisiana.

Anne Roland apparently settled down after putting the Atlantic Ocean between herself and her father. She married shortly after her arrival to Nicolas Sarazin, who was the Guardian of the King’s Storehouse in New Orleans. Sarazin died around 1727 and left a house on Chartres Street valued at 2000 livres and two slaves worth 1800 livres for his widow and three sons.

Laurent Bordelon was born at Lehavre, France on October 25, 1696, the son of Jean Baptiste Thomas Bordelon and Magdeleine deBrachon. Jean Baptiste was the Director and General Treasurer of Food Suuplies for the French Navy in the department of Rochefort. Laurent came to Louisiana as an employee of the Company of the Indies and married the widowed Anne Roland Sarazin at New Orleans on February 20, 1730. The couple moved to Natchez, which had been de-populated due to a revolt and massacre by the Natchez Indians. They later moved down river to Pointe Coupee where Laurent died sometime in the mid 1730’s. Two sons were left by this pioneer and they in turn are the progenitors of the Bordelon family today.



Anne Roland Sarazin Bordelon married a third and last time in 1737. Jean Stephan *dit* Roquancourt was a carpenter turned businessman who was successful enough to give his new bride a dowry of 3000 livres. By 1745, Anne and Jean owned a plantation at Pointe Coupee measuring 28 arpents of cultivated land and had six slaves. Anne added two daughters to her family during this marriage of twenty-one years.

Anne Roland Sarazin Bordelon Stephan died on January 7, 1758 at Pointe Coupee. From juvenile delinquent to plantation owner, from the lights of Paris to the Louisiana wilderness, her life seemed to be filled with great and memorable journeys.

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